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HE WAS ONCE THE NOBLE SENTINEL OF THE SPACEWAYS.

A BEING OF BOUNDLESS COMPASSION AND INFINITE EMPATHY.

HE WAS ONCE THE SILVER SURFER.

BUT THAT WAS BEFORE HE CONFRONTED CARNAGE -- A HUMAN SERIAL KILLER WHO HAD BONDED WITH AN ALIEN SYMBIOTE!

THAT WAS BEFORE THE SYMBIOTE ABANDONED ITS MORTAL HOST AND LATCHED ONTO HIM!

THAT WAS BEFORE HE BECAME...

THE CARNAGE COSMIC

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M-MY GOD --!

CLETUS KASADY HAS BEEN WRITHING IN AGONY EVER SINCE HIS SYMBIOTE MADE A PLAY FOR THE SURFER!

WHAT THE HECK AM I SUPPOSED TO DO NOW?

I COULD BARELY HOLD MY OWN WHEN CARNAGE HAD A HUMAN COUNTERPART, BUT NOW --?!

LADDIE'S

JTQ

MY ONLY HOPE IS TO STRIKE FAST AND FURIOUS!

I'VE GOT TO PUT HIM DOWN BEFORE THE SYMBIOTE HAS TIME TO INTEGRATE HIS CONFLICTING PERSONALITIES!

YEAH...

...THAT'S ALL I'VE GOTTA DO!

Uh-Oh! I DON'T LIKE THE WAY HE'S SUDDENLY GLARING AT ME AND -- WHOA!

THOSE SPIKEY TENTACLES USED TO BE LETHAL ENOUGH!

ADDING A COSMIC ZAP BLAST IS PURE OVERKILL AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED.

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S-STAY BACK, SPIDER-MAN!

T-THE SYMBIOTE SEEKS TO INFLAME MY MIND... WITH OBSCENE LUSTS... AND BASE EMOTIONS!

I-IS THAT REALLY YOU, SURFER?

FIGHT'IM! DON'T GIVE IN!

WE CAN BEAT THIS THING, I KNOW WE CAN! THE TWO OF US WILL FIND A WAY!

WE'LL FIND A WAY!

N-NO! I...I FEAR... THIS IS A BATTLE... I MUST FACE...

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ALONE!

OMIGOSH! HE SHATTERED THE CORNER OF THAT BUILDING, AND --

HELPPPP!

W-WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE!

NOT IF YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD WEB-SWINGER HAS HIS SAY!

B-BUT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A MENACE!

A MADMAN WHO ASSAULTS HONEST BUSINESSMEN!

NOT ALWAYS! THAT'S ONLY ON TUESDAYS AND ALTERNATE FRIDAYS!

THE REST OF THE TIME I MAKE LIKE A HERO AND TRY TO SAFEGUARD UNGRATEFUL CITIZENS -- LIKE YOURSELF!

SWELL! IN ALL THE CONFUSION I ALMOST FORGOT THAT THE PUBLIC STILL BELIEVES I RECENTLY ATTACKED NORMAN OSBORN WITHOUT PROVOCATION, BUT I CAN'T WORRY ABOUT THAT NOW--!

KASADY NEEDS IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION, AND I'VE GOTTA PREPARE FOR THE SURFER'S RETURN! I'M SURE HE'LL DO HIS BEST TO RESIST THE SYMBIOTE --

"-- BUT THE ENTIRE WORLD IS AT RISK IF HE FAILS!"

YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY, MARY JANE?

THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA AT EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY...

YOU REALLY FREAKED WHEN YOU HEARD THAT CARNAGE IS ON THE LOOSE AGAIN!

I-IT'S PETER, JILL. HE TAKES HIS JOB AS A FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHER VERY SERIOUSLY, AND I WORRY HE'LL TRY TO FIND THAT MANIAC!

Oh, PETER --! PLEASE DON'T DO ANYTHING STUPID! YOU BARELY SURVIVED AGAINST CARNAGE IN THE PAST --

-- AND THAT WAS BEFORE THE DAILY BUGLE POSTED A MILLION DOLLAR REWARD ON SPIDER-MAN'S HEAD!

I STILL DON'T GET IT! KASADY ALWAYS *KILLED* HIS VICTIMS IN THE PAST!

MIDTOWN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL...

WHY DID HE DELIBERATELY SPARE *YOU?*

YOU ALMOST SOUND DISAPPOINTED, JOE.

C'MON, MARTHA! DON'T BE THAT WAY. I'M JUST TRYING TO --

TO *WHAT?!* UNDERSTAND THAT LUNATIC?

TRY *THIS* ON FOR SIZE -- HE WANTED ME *ALIVE* SO THAT I'D BE A CONSTANT REMINDER OF YOUR *INABILITY* TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR LOVED ONES!

KASADY IS *EASY* TO READ!

YOU'RE THE *PUZZLE*, JOE ROBERTSON! YOUR WIFE IS ALMOST *MURDERED*... AND ALL YOU CARE ABOUT IS THE *FACTS*... FOR A *STORY!*

I USED TO WONDER *WHAT* WAS MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU -- YOUR MARRIAGE TO *ME* OR YOUR JOB AT THE *DAILY BUGLE!*

I KNOW THE ANSWER *NOW!*

Y-YOU'RE IN *SHOCK*, MARTHA.

YOU'RE TALKING CRAZY!

HELPPP!

SECURITY! WE NEED SECURITY DOWN HERE -- NOW!

WHAT'S GOING ON OUT THERE --?!

DO YOU *SEE*, JOE?

YOU'RE *ALWAYS* PLAYING THE NEWSPAPER-MAN!

IT'S *WHO* YOU ARE!

AND IN THE NEARBY EMERGENCY ROOM...

SPEED IT UP, PEOPLE! WE NEED A MEDICAL TEAM AND AS MANY COPS AS YOU CAN MUSTER!

THIS IS CLETUS KASADY -- THE MAN KNOWN AS CARNAGE!

DON'T BE LULLED BY HIS CURRENT CONDITION! HE MUST BE GUARDED AT ALL TIMES!

WE'VE ALREADY CALLED THE POLICE, WEB-SWINGER!

THEY SHOULD ARRIVE MOMENTARILY!

GLAD TO HEAR IT, DOC!

CAN YOU TAKE A QUICK LOOK AT KASADY?

HE SEEMS TO BE IN A WORLD OF PAIN!

FREEZE!

DON'T MAKE ANY SUDDEN MOVES!

EVERY-THING'S COOL, OFFICER!

KASADY'S OUT OF IT FOR THE MOMENT!

THAT JUST LEAVES YOU, WEBS!

SAY WHA --?!

RAISE 'EM, PAL! THERE'S A WARRANT OUT ON YOU!

A-ARE YOU GUYS CRAZY?!

THIS CITY -- MAYBE EVEN THE WHOLE WORLD -- COULD BE IN JEOPARDY, AND YOU'RE TRYING TO ARREST ME?!

EVEN AS SPIDER-MAN LASHES OUT, STRIKING IN A FRANTIC BID FOR FREEDOM --

-- THE CARNAGE COSMIC RIPS A JAGGED SCAR THROUGH KNOWN SPACE --

BUT HE CANNOT OUTRUN THE SEARING IMAGES WHICH BLUDGEON HIS MIND --

-- AND BLACKEN HIS SOUL!

IMAGES WHICH RECALL A TIME IN THE SURFER'S HAUNTED PAST...

...A TIME WHEN HE CHANCED UPON A WRETCHED WORLD WHOSE ONCE-DOMINANT LIFE-FORM HAD BEEN OVERRUN BY MARAUDING SYMBIOTES!

A PLANET WHICH KNEW ONLY CHAOS, CONFUSION AND DESPAIR!

DID HE ATTEMPT TO COMMUNICATE WITH ITS DESPERATE INHABITANTS?

DID HE OFFER THEM GENTLE AID OR SOOTHING COMPASSION?

NO...

...HE MERELY SUMMONED HIS MASTER...

...GALACTUS, THE DEVOURER OF WORLDS!

GALACTUS, THE ALOOF AND IMPASSIVE DEMI-GOD WHO MUST CONSUME THE LIVING ENERGIES OF ENTIRE PLANETS TO SURVIVE.

GALACTUS, WHO SOON BEGAN THE GREAT FEEDING --

-- AND SENTENCED THAT DOOMED WORLD TO THE ULTIMATE CATACLYSM!

SO GREAT WAS THE SURFER'S CRIME --

-- SO VAST THEIR DESIRE FOR VENGEANCE --

-- THAT IT WAS BURNED INTO THE GENETIC MEMORY OF EVERY SURVIVOR, AND PASSED TO THEIR DESCENDANTS.

THE SILVER SURFER EVENTUALLY WON HIS INDEPENDENCE FROM GALACTUS, AND NOW --

-- WITH EVERY FIBER OF HIS BEING --

-- HE, AGAIN, STRUGGLES TO BE FREE!

YES... WELL... I WISH I COULD HELP YOU --

AVENGERS MANSION...

-- BUT OUR *VOICE-ANALYZER* IS CURRENTLY OFF-LINE.

I AM UNABLE TO VERIFY YOUR IDENTITY, SPIDER-MAN...

...IF THAT IS TRULY *WHO* YOU ARE.

TRUST ME, JARVIS -- I COULD BE *BART SIMPSON*, AND THE WORLD WOULD STILL BE IN DANGER!

I NEED THE *AVENGERS* -- PRONTO!

I'M AFRAID THERE *AREN'T* ANY AVENGERS QUITE YET.

THOUGH MANY OF THE MEMBERS HAVE UNEXPECTEDLY RETURNED AFTER NEARLY A YEAR'S ABSENCE, NONE HAVE REPORTED FOR DUTY.

I BELIEVE THEY INTEND TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICIAL ROSTER IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO.

YOU ARE, OF COURSE, INVITED TO APPLY.

SEE THE ALL-NEW *AVENGERS* #1 FOR DETAILS – Ralfster.

I'LL MARK IT ON MY CALENDAR --

-- IF I SURVIVE UNTIL THEN!

LOOK-- IT'S SPIDER-MAN!

THE *BUGLE* HAS A MAJOR REWARD OUT ON HIM!

GET HIM! HE'S LIKE A MILLION DOLLAR LOTTERY TICKET THAT'S JUST ACHING TO BE CASHED!

Phone

I... I DON'T *BELIEVE* THIS! HERE I AM, PUTTING MY LIFE ON THE LINE, RISKING MY NECK... *FOR WHAT?!*

FOR PEOPLE LIKE THEM?!

PSOH

NO... I DON'T WANT YOU TO *QUIT* JUST FOR ME.

MIDTOWN MEMORIAL...

I KNOW HOW YOU *USED* TO FEEL ABOUT THE ***DAILY BUGLE,*** JOE...

...IT WAS SO MUCH ***MORE*** THAN A JOB TO YOU.

YEAH...

...BUT THAT SEEMS LIKE A *LIFETIME* AGO.

EVERYTHING'S ***CHANGED!***

FOR ALL HIS FAULTS, ***J. JONAH JAMESON*** IS A *GOOD* MAN...

...BUT HE'S ALLOWED HIS OBSESSION WITH *SPIDER-MAN* TO GROW LIKE A CANCER...

...TO NIBBLE AWAY AT HIS JUDGMENT UNTIL HE MADE A PACT WITH *NORMAN OSBORN* --

-- THE *DEVIL* HIMSELF!

JOE, YOU NEED TO MAKE A DECISION...

I KNOW, MARTHA.

I KNOW.

GOOD NEWS, Mr. AND Mrs. ROBERTSON...

...I'VE CONSULTED WITH A SPECIALIST ABOUT THAT ARM, AND THE LONG-RANGE PROGNOSIS IS --

DISTURBING!

QUITE... DISTURBING!

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM, DOC?

MY TESTS INDICATE THE PATIENT IS SUFFERING FROM AN ADVANCED CASE OF STOMACH CANCER.

I'M STEPPING INTO UNCHARTED GROUND HERE, BUT I CAN ONLY ASSUME HIS...Uh... SYMBIOTE... WAS KEEPING HIM ALIVE.

AW, GEE...

BE A CRYIN' SHAME IF THIS PUKE CROAKED ON US.

CLETUS KASADY IS THE CLOSEST I'VE EVER COME TO EVIL INCARNATE.

I CAN'T EVEN GUESS HOW MANY INNOCENT LIVES HE'S RUINED.

IT WOULD BE SO EASY TO JUST LET HIM DIE.

WHO AM I KIDDING? I'M NO MURDERER.

BUT... THIS... THIS WOULD BE DIFFERENT!

I'D ONLY HAVE TO PREVENT HIM FROM REUNITING WITH HIS SYMBIOTE...

Ahhh... NO SENSE DRIVING MYSELF CRAZY OVER A DECISION I'LL NEVER NEED TO MAKE.

NOT UNLESS I CAN FIND A WAY TO SEPARATE THE SYMBIOTE FROM THE SURFER!

WHICH REMINDS ME, I STILL NEED BACK-UP...

DEEP WITHIN THE CARNAGE COSMIC, THE PART WHICH IS STILL THE SILVER SURFER CONTINUES TO FIGHT --

-- AS HIS CONSCIOUSNESS TWISTS AND BENDS LIKE RUSTED STEEL --

-- AND SPIRALS DOWN THE CORRIDORS OF MADNESS --

-- WHICH WERE ONCE THE HOME OF CLETUS KASADY!

THE SURFER SEES TORTURED ANIMALS...

...AND ABUSIVE FOSTER PARENTS...

...HE SEES A CHILD WHO IS ROUTINELY BEATEN INTO SUBMISSION.

AND WHO, IN TURN, RESPONDS WITH EVEN GREATER SAVAGERY!

A CHILD BORN WITH A RAW AND BLOODY WOUND FOR A HEART --

-- AND A GAPING, HUNGRY MAW IN LIEU OF A SOUL!

Aw, MAA-ANN! THINGS JUST GOT WORSE!

WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK...

I CAME HERE -- HOPING MY BUD, THE X-MAN, COULD USE HIS MUTANT MIND-ZAP ON THE CARNAGE-SURFER -- BUT THERE'S NO SIGN OF HIM!

DOES ANYONE KNOW WHERE I CAN FIND NATE GREY?!

IT'S AN EMERGENCY!

NO! NO! WE WON'T LET YOU HARM HIM!

THE SPIDER-FREAK IS AN UN-BELIEVER!

NATE GREY IS OUR NEW MESSIAH -- AND WE'LL PROTECT HIM WITH OUR VERY LIVES!

Oh, GRREAT! IN ALL THE CONFUSION, I FORGOT ABOUT THIS CRAZY PSEUDO-CULT WHICH RECENTLY SPRANG UP AROUND NATE!

WAIT! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND --!

I, TOO, NEED HIS HELP! HIS GUIDANCE!

AS SHOWN IN X-MAN #34 – Reverent Ralf.

LIAR! YOU'RE A WANTED CRIMINAL!

NATE WOULDN'T BE THE FIRST COMMUNITY LEADER YOU ATTACKED WITHOUT CAUSE!

GET HIM!

STRIKE HIM DOWN!

LIGHTEN UP, MISTER --

-- AND SWITCH TO DECAF!

THAT TEARS IT! I'VE HAD ENOUGH ABUSE FOR ONE DAY!

MARY JANE TRIED TO WARN ME!

EVER SINCE THE BUGLE POSTED THAT LOUSY REWARD, SHE'S KNOWN THE PUBLIC WOULD TURN AGAINST ME --

-- AND SHE'S BEGGED ME TO HANG UP MY WEBS!

IT'S TIME I LISTENED!

IF THE WORLD REALLY DOES HATE SPIDER-MAN --

-- LET'S JUST SEE HOW WELL IT DOES AGAINST THE CARNAGE-SURFER WITHOUT ME!

THE WAR CONTINUES...

IN A DARK AND DESOLATE ABYSS, THE MAN WHO WAS ONCE KNOWN AS **NORRIN RADD** MAKES HIS FINAL STAND --

-- OFFERING ONLY **COMPASSION** AGAINST **CHAOS** AND **CORRUPTION** --

-- AND **EMPATHY** IN OPPOSITION TO **DECADENCE** AND DEPRAVITY!

WHEW! I REALLY NEEDED THIS BREAK!

I SPEND SO MUCH TIME IN SPANDEX -- SO CAUGHT UP IN MY OWN CRAZY ADVENTURES -- THAT I FORGET WHAT LIFE'S LIKE FOR EVERYONE ELSE!

I LOSE SIGHT OF THE REASONS WHY I WEAR THAT STUPID COSTUME!

I ONCE PROMISED MYSELF THAT NO INNOCENT PERSON WOULD EVER SUFFER BECAUSE SPIDER-MAN FAILED TO ACT.

I'VE TRIED TO LIVE UP TO THAT VOW OVER THE YEARS... BUT IT CAN BE SO... SO BLASTED HARD... AT TIMES!

Uh-Oh!

THAT FLASH IN THE SKY --! IS IT THE SURFER? DID HE FINALLY FIND A WAY TO BEAT THE SYMBIOTE, OR --?!

I-IT SEEMS TO BE VEERING IN THE DIRECTION OF KASADY'S HOSPITAL --?

NO ONE ELSE HAS EVEN NOTICED THE LIGHTS IN THE SKY!

THEY'RE JUST LIVING THEIR NORMAL LIVES, GOING ABOUT THEIR EVERYDAY BUSINESS

THEY'RE COMPLETELY *OBLIVIOUS* TO THE DANGER!

LUCKY FOR THEM...

...I'M *NOT!*

EXCUSSSE ME!

I'M AFRAID THAT Mr. KASADY ISN'T IN ANY CONDITION TO RECEIVE VISITORS --

-- ESPECIALLY THOSE OF THE SYMBIOTIC PERSUASION!

I HOPE MY AUTOMATIC CAMERA CATCHES THIS ACTION!

THE BUGLE WILL PAY BIG MONEY FOR THESE PICTURES --

-- IF I SOMEHOW MANAGE TO SURVIVE THIS LITTLE PLAY-DATE!

KWAM

OOPS! DID I MAKE YOU SLAM INTO THAT ROOF?

CLUMSY ME!

I WAS ACTUALLY AIMING FOR THE PARKING LOT!

Y-YOU MUSTN'T INTERFERE, SPIDER-MAN...

...I HAVE COME TO REUNITE THIS SYMBIOTE WITH ITS HUMAN HOST!

I HATE TO BE A SPOIL-SPORT --

-- BUT I'M NOT TOO CRAZY ABOUT THAT IDEA!

CARNAGE IS ONE OF THE WORST SERIAL KILLERS IN HISTORY!

WHY IN HEAVEN'S NAME WOULD I HELP HIM?

IF YOU CAN REALLY HEAR ME, SURFER... I SAY WE WORK TOGETHER TO DESTROY THE SYMBIOTE AS WELL!

B-BUT KASADY WILL DIE WITHOUT IT!

TOUGH! HE SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT THAT BEFORE HE BEGAN SLAUGHTERING HELPLESS --

UGNN

K-KASADY IS HELPLESS NOW --

-- AND ONLY WE CAN SAVE HIM!

EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY...

A POLICE SPOKESMAN CONFIRMS THE CAPTURE OF CLETUS KASADY --

-- BUT EYEWITNESSES CLAIM THAT SPIDER-MAN IS CURRENTLY BATTLING A CARNAGE-LIKE CREATURE WHO APPEARS TO EXHIBIT POWERS AKIN TO --

-- THE SILVER SURFER!

M-MY GOD -- NO!

NOO!

MARY JANE!

CALL AN AMBULANCE! I THINK SHE'S FAINTED!

AHEM! I HOPE YOU DON'T TAKE THIS PERSONAL, SURFER --

-- I REALLLY LIKE YOU --

EVEN IF YOU CAN BE A BIG STIFF ON OCCASION --

-- BUT, ALL THAT ASIDE, I CANNOT AND WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO REGENERATE CARNAGE!

THERE ARE SOME THINGS EVEN FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD WEB-SWINGERS SHOULDN'T DO!

TH-THINK, SPIDER-MAN! *THINK!* THIS SYMBIOTE HAS FORMED A SPECIAL *BOND* WITH KASADY!

A BOND WHICH IT IS NOW ATTEMPTING TO RECREATE WITH *ME!*

AND YOUR *POINT* --?

WOULD YOU RATHER IT POSSESSED A HUMAN HOST --

-- OR A COSMIC ONE?!

OOOOO! THAT'S PRETTY LOW... EVEN FOR A CARNAGE WANNABE!

T-TIME IS RUNNING OUT! I CAN NOT RESTRAIN IT MUCH LONGER!

L-LOOK INTO YOUR HEART, SPIDER-MAN!

ARE YOU HONESTLY PREPARED TO CONDEMN CLETUS KASADY --

-- TO DEATH?

I...

I...

...I REALLY HATE DAYS LIKE THIS!

ARRGH!

KASADY SEEMS TO BE IN PAIN.

THAT'S A REAL *SHAME.*

ANYBODY CATCH A SCORE ON THE *KNICKS* GAME?

KERASH

WHAT THE--?!

I-IT'S SPIDER-MAN AND }MMFFT{

FIGURES THEY'D RECOGNIZE *ME*--

-- AS IF MY REP WEREN'T TARNISHED ENOUGH!

SURFER-- *BEHIND YOU!*

THEY SHALL NOT DELAY US, SPIDER-MAN!

HURRY! THE ENTIRE HOSPITAL MUST HAVE *HEARD* THAT BLAST!

DO NOT FEAR, MY FRIEND!

OUR TASK IS ALREADY NEARING *COMPLETION!*

YESSSS..!

HEY, KIDDIES...

...IT'S CARNAGE-TIME!

LOOKS LIKE I GOT A NEW LEASE ON LIFE, AND I KNOW THE BEST WAY TO CELEBRATE.

CAN EVERYONE SPELL SLAUGHTER-FEST?!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, HEROES?

WERE YOU EXPECTING A CHANGE? DID YOU REALLY THINK I'D BE GRATEFUL?

ALL I FEEL IS DISGUST... BECAUSE YOU TWO LOSERS DIDN'T HAVE THE GUTS TO KILL ME!

I PITY YOU, CLETUS KASADY... FAR MORE THAN YOU WOULD EVER CONCEIVE.

I HAVE SEEN YOUR SECRET *SOUL*, AND FOUND IT LACKING.

WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT I COULD NOT LET YOU DIE--

-- I MOST ASSUREDLY WILL NOT SUFFER A RETURN TO YOUR MURDEROUS WAYS!

WHAAA -- WHAT'D YOU DO TO HIM?!

THERE IS NO TIME TO EXPLAIN! WE MUST GO BEFORE THE AUTHORITIES ARRIVE.

THEY MAY NOT APPRECIATE MY SOLUTION.

I'M NOT SURE I'D BLAME THEM!

THE GIFT OF LIFE IS THE MOST ***PRECIOUS*** IN ALL THE UNIVERSE! IT IS NOT FOR ME TO SQUANDER ANY SOUL.

NOT EVEN ONE AS LOST AS *CLETUS KASADY!*

B-BUT THAT'S WHAT YOU JUST DID...

...ISN'T IT?!

THANKS TO THE SYMBIOTE WHICH EVEN NOW PRESERVES HIM, KASADY ***LIVES...***

HE IS *SAFE* NOW... AS ARE THOSE HE ONCE THREATENED.

"FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE, HE SHALL BE ENCASED WITHIN AN UNBREAKABLE SHELL OF ETHEREAL ENERGY --

"-- WHERE HE SHALL BE FREE TO CONTEMPLATE PAST MISDEEDS --

"-- AND, HOPEFULLY, SEEK HIS OWN FORM OF REDEMPTION!"

YOU GOT A MINUTE, JONAH?

DAILY BUGLE

YEAH, SURE...

I WAS TRYING TO CALL ***PETER PARKER,*** BUT NOBODY SEEMS TO BE HOME.

JUST MY LUCK!

SOMETHING WRONG?

NAH! NOT IF HE SNAPPED A FEW FIX OF THAT BIG SPIDER-MAN CARNAGE FIASCO.

I DON'T CARE WHAT THE COPS ON THE SCENE SAID, I'M STILL CONVINCED THOSE TWO MANIACS ARE IN CAHOOTS WITH EACH OTHER!

HOW'S ***MARTHA*** DOING?

SHE'LL BE.. FINE... BUT HIS ASSAULT HAS HELPED CLARIFY A FEW THINGS FOR ME.

WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, JOE?

THIS IS MY LETTER OF RESIGNATION, JONAH.

I'M LEAVING THE BUGLE.

WHAT!

Y-YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS --!

TRUST ME, JONAH... IT WASN'T A DECISION I MADE LIGHTLY.

EVERY MAN EVENTUALLY COMES TO A CRITICAL JUNCTURE...

"A POINT WHEN HE HAS TO TAKE STOCK OF HIS LIFE --

"-- AND THEN, NO MATTER HOW PAINFUL THE COST, HE MUST SOMEHOW FIND THE COURAGE TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES --

"-- OR HE'S DESTINED TO LOSE EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE HE EVER LOVED!"

Shadowcat